

ABSTRACT**Managing incoming calls and/or messages in a communications system**

In a communications system, incoming calls and/or messages are managed by checking - upon receipt of a call and/or message - if a pre-defined availability status allocated to a recipient of the call and/or message is activated. Upon activation of a pre-defined availability status a pre-defined filter rule is applied to the call and/or message in accordance with the activated availability status. A call and/or message handling action associated with the activated availability status is executed.

Fig. 1